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SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION - ELECTION OF
DIRECTOR

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1. IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ADDRESS-
EES TO ASCERTAIN THINKING OF HOST GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING
THE 1974 PAHO DIRECTORSHIP ELECTION IN WHICH PRESENT
DIRECTOR DR. ABRAHAM HORWITZ IS AGAIN A CANDIDATE FOR
REELECTION. THE PURPOSE OF DEMARCHE WAS TO ASSESS STATUS
HORWITZ CANDIDACY, SEEK SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION
FOR THIS KEY POSITION AND TO ENCOURAGE PRESENTATION OF
OTHER QUALIFIED CANDIDATES.

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2. RESPONSES WERE RECEIVED FROM MISSIONS IN 21 OF THE 28

MEMBER COUNTRIES OF PAHO. FIVE GOVERNMENTS INDICATED THEY WERE COMMITTED TO HORWITZ. ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT OTHER THAN RESPECTIVE SPONSORING GOVERNMENTS FAVORED EITHER OF THE OTHER TWO CANDIDATES. THIRTEEN WERE UNCOMMITTED. FIFTEEN INDICATED THEY FAVORED ROTATION, BUT OF THESE, THREE WERE AMONG THOSE COMMITTED TO HORWITZ.

3. THE DEPARTMENT REGARDS THESE RESULTS AS INCONCLUSIVE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF NON-RESPONSE FROM SIX MISSIONS;

INDICATIONS BY MISSIONS OR HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT FURTHER INFORMATION WOULD FOLLOW, AND LARGE NUMBER REPORTING UNCOMMITTED. HOWEVER, THIS PRELIMINARY SOUNDING DOES AT LEAST JUSTIFY TENTATIVE CONCLUSION THAT, AS OF LAST FEBRUARY, THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS FOR REELECTION OF THE INCUMBENT AND THAT ALMOST ONE-HALF OF MEMBERSHIP EXPRESSED THEMSELVES AS FAVORING ROTATION.

4. THE U.S. BELIEVES STRONGLY IN ROTATION, AND REGARDS EITHER THE MEXICAN OR THE VENEZUELAN CANDIDATE AS WORTHY OF SUPPORT, BUT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS TOO EARLY (15 MONTHS BEFORE ELECTION) FOR COMMITMENTS TO BE MADE IN THIS ELECTION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSIONS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE ANOTHER APPROACH TO HOST GOVERNMENTS, EXCEPT THOSE COMMITTED TO HORWITZ, ALONG LINES OUTLINED IN THE REFERENCE INSTRUCTION, REPORTING OUR TENTATIVE CONCLUSION AND ASKING FOR INDICATION OF CURRENT POSITION OF OTHER GOVERNMENT. (COUNTRIES REPORTEDLY SUPPORTING HORWITZ IN ADDITION TO CHILE ARE BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, COSTA RICA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.) MISSIONS SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER RESPONSE OTHER GOVERNMENT REPRESENTS POSITION THAT HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH HEALTH MINISTRY. DEPARTMENT HAS NO RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS CIRCULAR FROM MISSIONS IN COLOMBIA, EL SALVADOR, HAITI, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, AND GUYANA, HENCE APPROACH IN THESE COUNTRIES MAY BE THE FIRST ON THIS SUBJECT. REPORT BY CABLE.

6. MISSIONS IN CARACAS, MEXICO CITY AND SANTIAGO SHOULD
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